

Remarks

In the subject Action, the Examiner noted that claims 1-5 were allowed.

Next, the Examiner rejected claims 6-15 under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by the cited patent to Ammoscato et al. Applicant respectfully traverses this rejection and requests that the above amendments to these claims be entered, and that this rejection be reconsidered in view of those amendments and the reasons set forth below.

Recognizing that the Examiner's rejection was made final, Applicant respectfully advances two reasons for the amendments to be entered at this time. First, Applicant did not realize that the claimed references to the floor surface would be treated in this manner (particularly since similar references appeared in previously entered claims and were examined without comment). In any event, Applicant is attempting to address the Examiner's position by instead referencing a plane defined by lowermost portions of the frame (which plane is coincidental with the underlying floor surface). Second, the amendments to the claims are a matter of form, rather than substance, and the scope of the claimed invention remains the same.

Next, the Examiner rejected claims 16-17 under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by the cited patent to Ammoscato et al. Applicant respectfully traverses this rejection, but is nonetheless requesting that these claims be cancelled without prejudice.

Next, the Examiner rejected claims 18-20 under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being unpatentable over the cited patent to Ammoscato et al. in view of the cited patent to Webber. Again, Applicant respectfully traverses this rejection, but is nonetheless requesting that these claims be cancelled without prejudice.

Having addressed the issues raised in the subject Action, Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration and allowance of this application, as amended. The Examiner is always welcome to contact Applicant at the telephone number set forth below to discuss any matter regarding this application.

Respectfully submitted,

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